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*Cuba - USSR - Venezuela:

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[redacted] the Cubans, presumably on Soviet advice, have been trying to make less obvious their continuing effort to promote the "anti-imperialist revolution" in the hemisphere. Castro proposed earlier this month that the first step toward a US-Cuban accommodation could be an agreement that Cuba would cease subversion in Latin America in return for a cessation of US subversion against his regime.]

[Pro-Castro terrorists in Venezuela suffered a setback late last year despite considerable Cuban support. Although this may have caused Castro to conclude that early Cuban successes are unlikely, his objectives in the hemisphere remain unchanged.]

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South Vietnam: [There is further evidence that the Viet Cong are intensifying terrorist and military activities to mark the tenth anniversary of the 1954 Geneva Accords on 20 July.]

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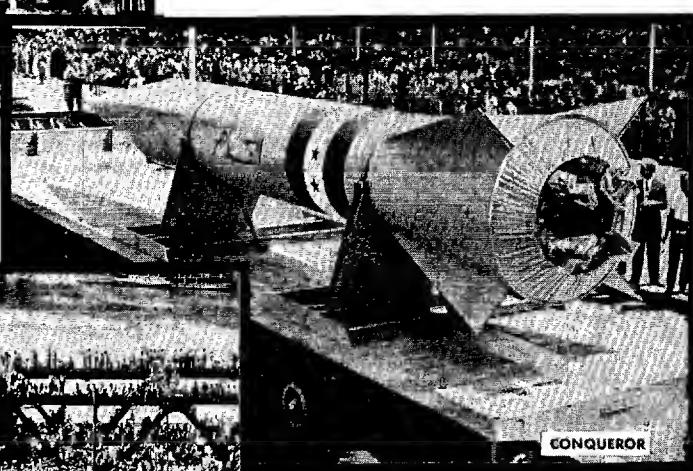
[the use of Viet Cong "death volunteer" squads in the Saigon area to carry out grenade attacks on police and military patrols, the placing of explosive charges on American buses, and the sabotage of various US installations.]

[The unprecedently high number of battalion-strength Viet Cong attacks so far this month--seven--may have been in response to such orders.]

[US officials in the provinces have recently gained the impression that, with some exceptions, administrative deterioration resulting from the disruptions of the two coups in Saigon has generally been arrested. They believe that some forward motion on the part of the government is evident, even if not yet truly effective. However, this initial progress may be set back by the current Viet Cong aggressiveness.]

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EGYPTIAN ROCKETS

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Egypt: Cairo may attempt to orbit a satellite and to provide other "surprises in the space field" during the independence celebrations scheduled next week.

Since May, Egyptian news media have been predicting an attempt to launch a 40- to 70-pound satellite.

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The orbiting of an Egyptian satellite is dependent on the development of a booster more powerful than any rocket or combination of rockets the Egyptians are known to have. Although they are believed to be working on such a booster, there is no hard evidence of the extent of their success.

The other "surprises" are expected to be high-altitude probes, which are well within Egyptian capabilities, using either their Victor, Conqueror, or Pioneer missiles.

Nasir has invited the heads of state attending an Organization of African Unity conference in Cairo to stay on through the national celebrations to enable him to "show off certain things." Even a simple space success would give his prestige a tremendous boost throughout the Arab and nonaligned world.

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NOTES

Cuba - USSR: [REDACTED] IL-14 twin-engine
transport aircraft have been delivered to Cuba [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The Cuban Air
Force has been using IL-14s on coastal patrol mis-
sions in recent weeks in addition to their regular use
as military and commercial transports. [REDACTED] SO-1-
class subchasers are also being delivered and should
arrive by the end of the month, bringing the number
of subchasers in Cuba to five SO-1s and six Kronshtadts.

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Japan: The cabinet reshuffle which Prime Minis-
ter Ikeda announced yesterday, following his election
to a third term as president of the Liberal Democratic
Party, does not indicate any significant policy changes.
The adjustments apparently neither aid nor openly
alienate any of the contenders for the eventual suc-
cession to party leadership. Strong man Ichiro Kono
has been shifted from the Construction Ministry to the
currently important portfolio of Olympic Affairs.

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UK: British shipbuilders are showing renewed interest in orders from Communist countries. A five-man delegation representing the entire shipbuilding industry has gone to Peiping to seek new orders,

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